

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

LLOYD GARY TOWNSEND,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
JOHN SOTO, et al.,  
Defendants.

Case No. [15-cv-03692-MEJ](#)

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

Petitioner, who is in custody, has filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The Court has reviewed the petition and concludes that it warrants a response.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

- (1) The Clerk of Court shall serve a copy of the petition and this order upon Respondents and the Attorney General of the State of California. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2254, Rule 4.
- (2) Respondents shall then file and serve an answer in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 2254, Rule 5 and Habeas Corpus Local Rule 2254-6. Respondents shall file with the answer and serve on Petitioner a copy of all portions of the underlying state criminal record that were previously transcribed and are relevant to the issues presented by the petition.
- (3) Petitioner may serve and file a traverse responding to matters raised in the answer in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 2254, Rule 5 and Habeas Corpus Local Rule 2254-6.
- (4) Respondents may file a motion to dismiss on procedural grounds in lieu of an answer, as set forth in the Advisory Committee Notes to Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases. If such a motion is filed, Petitioner shall file with the Court and serve on Respondents an opposition or statement of non-opposition within 28 days of the date the motion is filed, and Respondents shall file with the Court and serve on Petitioner a reply within 14 days of the date any opposition is filed.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: August 17, 2015

  
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MARIA-ELENA JAMES  
United States Magistrate Judge